

Minutes of the Veneta City Council

October 24, 2005

Present: Council President Fred Miller, Darrell Carman, and Thomas Cotter

Absent: Mayor Tim Brooker and Marion Esty

Others: Ric Ingham City Administrator; Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder; Earle Ellson; David Calderwood; Sylvia Calderwood; Flo Brewer; and DuWayne Penfold

Fred Miller called the City Council to order at 7:04 p.m. Ric Ingham announced that a formal public comment session regarding Lane County Animal Regulation Authority's (LCARA) request for the City to adopt a mandatory rabies reporting resolution will be held at the next regular City Council meeting scheduled for November 14, 2005.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Calderwood; 28104 Spencer Creek Road; Eugene, OR

Mr. Calderwood provided written comments for staff to distribute for the public comment session to be held on November 14, 2005. He told the Council that a lot of the information being presented by LCARA is inaccurate. He said the County's claim that this is a public health issue is not valid. He said LCARA can make some improvements in their process that would increase licensing without requiring mandatory rabies reporting. He said they could extend their hours by adopting a flex time policy for employees and they could make it possible for people to license their dogs on line. He asked the Council to make their decision on facts and not on emotions.

Sylvia Calderwood; 28104 Spencer Creek Road; Eugene, OR

Ms. Calderwood said she is opposed to the mandatory rabies reporting because she is concerned that her private information will be made available to animal rights zealots. She said she will continue to support LCARA by licensing her dogs and encouraging others to do the same.

Duane Penfold; 85291 Lorane Hwy; Eugene, OR

Mr. Penfold said he has been a veterinarian at the Veneta Veterinary Clinic for 27 years. He said many decisions regarding animals are made on emotion and not on scientific data. He said there have only been two cases of dogs and five cases of cats with rabies in the last 50 years. Although there have been two and a half times more cases of rabies in cats, the Eugene Spay and Neuter Clinic does not recommend rabies vaccines for cats because they found it unnecessary. He said that is an example of not basing decisions on science. He said the treatment for rabies is no longer painful and treatment does not need to begin until the animal has been determined to have rabies which can take up to ten days. He said the rabies vaccination information is already readily available through veterinarian offices. He said he has had multiple clients that have said they will no longer vaccinate their dogs if the mandatory reporting is adopted. He said that is generally because of zoning regulations that limit the number of dogs an owner can have.

Flo Brewer; P. O. Box 186; Junction City, OR

Flo Brewer said Junction City did approve a mandatory rabies reporting ordinance by first reading in October; however, the second reading was tabled after the Council found out they may have been misinformed. They have referred the matter to their Public Safety Committee to get more information. She said LCARA has offered to do the licensing for Junction City and refund a small portion of the fee to the City. She said the mandatory reporting has more to do with money than with public health.

Earle Ellson; 26033 Vista Drive; Veneta, OR

Mr. Ellson said he is representing the Applegate Regional Theater Group that has recently reorganized. He said to generate more interest the group has prepared a brochure that they would like to insert brochures into 6,000 copies of the Tri-County and West Lane News. He asked the Council if they would pay the \$375.00 printing costs so the 6,000 brochures can be sent out in the next edition.

Ric Ingham said the Council previously approved supporting the Applegate Regional Theater by allowing them to use the City's copy machine; however, he felt the City's number of double-sided copies needed for a newspaper insert would put too much stress on the City's copy machine. **By consensus, the Council directed staff to charge the printing costs to the City's administrative supply fund.**

2. CONSENT AGENDA

City Recorder Sheryl Hackett pointed out a typographical error on the consent agenda, correcting 2.b. to 2005.

MOTION: Thomas Cotter made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as corrected. Darrell Carman seconded the motion.

Voting: Thomas Cotter, aye; Fred Miller, aye; and Darrell Carman, aye

The consent agenda as approved included minutes for September 26, 2005; minutes for October 10, 2005; bills paid and payable for September/October 2005; and the November 2005 Civic Calendar.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. FROM MAYOR/COUNCILORS (See below)

b. FROM COUNCIL/COMMITTEE LIAISONS (no additional
Thomas Cotter (Economic Development/Chamber of Commerce) - Thomas Cotter announced the City is looking for members for a new Economic Development Committee as well and a Citizen's Advisory Committee for a Downtown Development Plan. He said the Chamber of Commerce is also seeking new board members.

Darrell Carman (Applegate Regional Theater) - Darrell said he resigned due to time commitments and having served for one year on the board. He said the group has two board positions open. He said he appreciates the City's support of the group and feels they are headed in a good direction.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

(1) Report on Complaint about Ordinance Violations

Fred Miller said he was pleased to read Margaret's memorandum that the developer for Trinity Terrace responded so quickly to resolve the violation which took place in the Greenway during construction of the subdivision.

Ric advised the Council that the City's wetland consultant, Nancy Holzhauser approved the mitigation plan submitted by the developer.

Ric also reported that the deputies stepped up their patrols on 10th Street in response to the complaints from Galen Carpenter. He said there has been some behavioral changes as a result; however, it will take some time before the issue is completely resolved.

In response to a question from Darrell Carman about the possibility of taking enforcement action under the nuisance ordinance, Ric said the City has relied on the deputies for issuing citations. If the Council wants, they can direct staff to start having the City Attorney draw up code violation complaints. Those would have to go to District Court rather than Municipal Court.

Thomas Cotter said he feels there should be more than one person willing to sign a complaint before the City takes action. He said the City has found through past experience that often both parties in a dispute have caused the situation to escalate. He said he feels the deputies have done a good job of arbitrating similar situations in the past.

b. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

(1) **Resolution 909** - A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE LANE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE.

Ric advised the Council the resolution was prepared as directed by the Council at their last meeting at which the Council reached a consensus to support a resolution and to include a gross receipts tax on business as the funding mechanism.

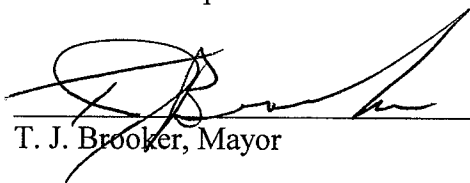
MOTION: Darrell Carman made a motion to adopt Resolution 909. Thomas Cotter seconded the motion which passed with a vote of 2-1 (Thomas Cotter voting no, Mayor Brooker and Marion Esty were not present).

5. OTHER

Ric announced that Peer Court is gearing back up and the City will continue to support them by allowing them to use the City copy machine.

6. **ADJOURN**

President Fred Miller adjourned the Council at 7:44 p.m.



T. J. Brooker, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl L. Hackett, City Recorder